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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: SECRETARY VANCE'S MIDEAST TRIP

1. ON OCCASION OF SECRETARY VANCE'S TRIP TO MIDEAST, GOVERNMENT-OWNED NEWS AGENCY ALGERIE PRESSE SERVICE DISTRIBUTED COMMENTARY REPRINTED IN FEBRUARY 17 EDITION OF CONSTANTINE ARABIC-LANGUAGE DAILY "AN-NASR" AND ORAN ARABIC-LANGUAGE DAILY "AL-JUMBURIYYA" UNDER HEADLINE "VANCE: TRULY A MEDIATOR?" WHILE ADMITTING IMPORTANCE OF DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS OF SECRETARY AND OTHERS, COMMENTARY TAKES FAMILIAR PESSIMISTIC LINE:

2. "IF NEW AMERICAN ATTEMPT ... HAS LED SOME OBSERVERS TO DISCOVER ESSENTIAL CHANGE IN POLICY OF PRESIDENT CARTER AND SECRETARY VANCE, FACTS MAKE IT CLEAR THAT AMERICAN STRATEGY TOWARDS MIDEAST HAS NOT CHANGED. ALL THAT HAS CHANGED ARE ITS METHODS AND TACTICS IN DEALING WITH SITUATION AND ACHIEVING ITS GOALS IN SUPPORT OF ISRAELI REGIME, WHICH REPRESENTS ITS INTERESTS IN REGION...."

3 "NOTHING DEMONSTRATES THIS BETTER ... THAN STATEMENT OF MR. VANCE HIMSELF BEFORE HE LEFT WASHINGTON TO EFFECT HE WOULD NOT MEET PALESTINIAN OFFICIALS THIS TIME AND THAT HE DOUBTED PLO'S READINESS TO ENTER  
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NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAEL. FOR HIM TO TAKE SUCH AN A PRIORI POSITION BEFORE BEGINNING HIS MISSION DOOMS ANY ATTEMPT HE MAKES TO CERTAIN FAILURE, BECAUSE REAL INTERESTED PARTY, BASIC ELEMENT OF ISSUE, IS ABSENT FROM CONSULTATIONS AND CONCERNS OF 7.S...."

4. "IN SPITE OF THIS, MR. VANCE'S VISIT TO MIDEAST AT

SAME TIME AS FRENCH COLLEAGUE AND AFTER UNSYG AND WEST  
GERMAN FONMIN HAS BROUGHT OFFICIALS IN REGION TO CALL  
THIS WEEK 'WEEK OF DIPLOMACY' IN WHICH INTEREST IN  
MIDEAST OVERSHADOWS ALL OTHER CONCERNS IN WORLD."

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